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THE ONE-STORY MAN.

There are bores in great profusion in this world we habitate,
And we're pretty sure to strike 'em whereso'er we navigate
There's the man who knew your brother in the days of long ago;
There's the man whose mouth prolific is forever on the flow;
But they're blessings in comparison—I stand them very well—
If you'll keep away the man with just one story he can tell!

I have met him in Chicogo, I have met him in St. Lou;
I ignored him up in Ogden, though his face and form I knew;
I have met him in Tacoma, in Seattle—everywhere—
Till you'd think his little repertoire would grow, but I declare
He performs that same old solo, though he never did it well—
It's a pain to meet this man with just one story he can tell!

For he always wants to tell it—that's the saddest part of all;
And his story knows no season—Winter, Summer, Spring, or Fall.
He can tell it just as poorly to a crowd as tete-a-tete;
He will wake to tell it early and stay up to tell it late.
He is callous to the chimings of the busy chestnut bell—
He must tell it, for, alas! it's all the story he can tell!

Some sweet day some outraged human will relax his self-control,
Then a horny-handed sexton must get out and dig a hole
In the sod amid the granite shafts that rear their heads on high.
While we stifle wicked wishes that concern the by and by.
Won't there be a mighty scramble for a chance to ring the knell
Of this poor, deluded man with just one story he can tell?

—S. W. Gillman, in Los Angeles Herald.

THE PLOT THAT FAILED AND WHY.

By RALPH ENDERBY.

"Mercy, Michael!—the last man I'd have thought of seeing in Liverpool. Where have you been all these years?"

"Where have you been, Dick? I haven't roamed very far from Tat's Corner, but you!—why, nobody's heard a breath of you for the last six years or more."

Dick Corbett laughed recklessly, and looked at his one-time chum, Michael Fenwick, in—as the latter thought—a peculiarly defiant way.

"No; they haven't; but, as that is my business, and not anybody's, just be content, my son, to know that I've been 'sailoring' in nearly every sea, and that now I'm chief mate of the fastest little fruit steam 'tramp' that trades between Liverpool and the Spanish ports."

"Have you a vacancy for a 'forrad hand'?"

"Who for—for you— Why!—what's pretty little Kitty about that she's letting you go to sea?"

"Never mind Kitty, Dick!—I'm going to sea again, because things have been a bit rough round about Tat's Corner lately."

He spoke as if any reference to his sweetheart by the other was distasteful to him; for he clearly saw that Dick Corbett, since he had seen him last, was changed, and for the worse; he was no longer the "good fellow" of old days.

For the moment Dick was inclined to resent Michael Fenwick's evident disinclination to bring Kitty Hazell's name into the conversation, but thinking better of it, he brought his hand suddenly down upon Michael's shoulder.

"Look here, old chap!" he said, with a show of good-natured frankness that quite deceived the other. "I don't want to poke my nose into your love affairs; I've lived out my soft side, and don't care a 'rope-yarn-end' for the trimmest petticoat that walks the earth. If you want a berth on the Erl King you can have it—I'm going aboard now; come along, and you can sign on, and finish the business."

The two men were standing by the high wall which bounds the Albert dock, and but a few yards from the dock gates.

"When do you sail?" asked Michael, as he went up the Erl King's gangway.

"Day after tomorrow," returned the mate over his shoulder.

"Time enough to send a letter to Tat's Corner and get a reply."

"Yes," muttered Dick Corbett as he unlocked the door of his cabin in the alleyway opposite the engine room hatch.

"You can write your letter here," he continued, "before you sign on. After that, for the sake of discipline, I can't say anything to you much in the daytime—but at night, middle watch sometimes, we'll have a chance for a 'palaver.'"

Michael Fenwick's letter was to Kitty Hazel. It was not a long one; just saying that "she must not think badly of him for leaving her in this way, and that an unexpected meeting with Dick Corbett had made things easier and the future more hopeful."

He was addressing the envelope, when Dick, who had left him for 10 minutes, returned.

The mate's eyes gleamed viciously as he caught sight of the superscription over the other's shoulder.

"Shall I post it for you?" he said.

"No, Dick—or, Mr. Corbett, I suppose I ought to say—no, thanks. I've got to go after my 'duds' to the boarding house."

The other tried hard not to appear disappointed, and so far succeeded as to awaken no suspicion in Michael's mind of any desire to tamper with the letter.

The new A. B. then signed on; agreed to be on board the following afternoon and left the ship.

Had he but turned around as he went down the gangway he would not have failed to see such an expression on Dick Corbett's face as the latter stood watching, with his arms on the rail, as would have set him thinking that the easiness of things, and the hopefulness of the future, were not quite so substantial as they appeared to be.

So he posted the letter in the first pillar box and the play went on.

Tat's Corner was a quaint little old-world fishing village on the west coast, where, seven years before, Dick Corbett and Michael Fenwick idled as inseparable cronies.

Kitty Hazel, then a girl of 16 only, was pretty and sweet enough to turn the heads of more than one young fellow in the place. But from the first, Michael made the running.

One thing he did not know; that his friend was, behind his back, scheming to supplant him in Kitty's affections; using as his principal tool the girl's own father, Joshua Hazell; the drunkenest fisherman in all the fleet that sailed out of the little harbor of Tat's Corner.

Kitty's would-be lover played upon the old fisherman's weakness to such an extent that in a short time things seemed ripe for a declaration on his—Corbett's part.

Fortunately, however, for Michael and his sweetheart, though disastrously for old Joshua, a storm that swept the whole of the west coast, was the means of defeating, for the time being, at any rate, Dick Corbett's mean and dastardly betrayal of his friend.

Old Hazell, with many another deep sea fisherman, was drowned, almost within sight of land.

In him Corbett lost the only ally who could have influenced Kitty; though she herself declares today, that not even her father could have shaken her faith in Michael Fenwick.

Hard times then came to Kitty, and at the date of Dick Corbett's disappearance, she was earning a scanty living as one of the many net-menders of the fishing fleet.

By and by the fishing industry declined so, owing to the overwhelming increase in steam trawling, that Michael found it impossible to make a living even, while his prospects of marrying Kitty seemed more remote than ever.

Then it was that he determined to go to sea for a year or two, leaving Tat's Corner with that object, without saying a word to Kitty, or, indeed, to

Kitty's only mistake was, that she had not told Michael that she had guessed that Dick Corbett loved her; her excuse to herself being that no word had actually been spoken.

There were thus faults on both sides, the consequences of which might, with a little mutual confidence, have been averted.

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The Erl King was preparing to warp out of dock, and Michael Fenwick, sick with disappointment at not having had a reply from Kitty, was listlessly climbing up a rope on the fo'castle head.

The chief mate was standing by the break rail, shouting orders to the man in charge of the steam winch, when, casting his eyes for a moment quaywards, he saw a girl's tearful face looking up at that part of the ship.

He could not take advantage of her proximity to speak to her; besides, Michael was too close for that action to be quite prudent—so he made a virtue of necessity, and called his subordinate's attention to his sweetheart's presence on the quay.

It would have been rank subordination to leave the ship, even for five minutes, so all Michael could do was to lean over the rail and speak to her.

"You shouldn't have come," he said, first looking round to see that there were not immediate listeners. "We shall cast off in less than 10 minutes."

"I couldn't let you go without saying goodby, Michael."

"Yes, I know; it was wrong of me to leave you without a word; but I did it for the best, Kitty."

"Don't say anything more about that, Michael—I just want you to promise me one thing."

"What is it?"

"Promise me you'll do what I've asked you in this!"

As she spoke the last word she threw on board a piece of paper wrapped round something hard. It fell at his feet, and he picked it up on the instant, and put it in his pocket.

"You mustn't remain any longer, Kit!" (even then the ship had begun to move away from the quay), "I'll remember. Good by!"

"Good by, dear"

At that moment Corbett called him to do something, and when he looked round again the steamer was a hundred yards from the quay; all he could see being a little figure waving a white handkerchief.

When they were well in the Mersey and fairly on their way seaward he took out and read Kitty's last little note of appeal.

It was not really a letter; it was just a request in one sentence:

"For your own safety's sake, dear, and for love of me, beware of Dick Corbett."

Nothing more. And Michael knew for the first time that his sometime friend had not only been false to him, but that he had also to fear his present enmity and perhaps violence.

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At six bells, first watch, Michael was relieved, and before descending to the fo'castle stood leaning on the rail, looking at the seething, rushing water.

Suddenly a hand was laid on his shoulder. It was mate, Dick Corbet.

"Cold to-night, Michael," he said.

"Ay—it is that."

"Makes you think of—of firesides and Kitty, our Kitty—eh, Michael?"

"Let Kitty's name alone!"

"No offense, mate. But she's not yours yet."

"As good as mine. Only this one contract, and then——"

"You may never finish this one, my son; the Erl King isn't much of a boat; she's old and cranky, while seas are rough and winds high."

"Well, if we go, we go; but if Kitty can't be mine she shan't be another man's."

"Sure of that?"

"Sure as death!"

"Hope you're right, my boy! Hope you're right—but—I have my doubts."

"Of Kitty?" queried Michael fiercely.

"I don't know! Let's change the subject. Come down to my cabin and have a tot—there's no one about."

Never one to harbor malice or hard thoughts, Michael assented, and the two men went below to the mate's cabin.

Up above, the roaring of the elements: down below, the doing of Satan's work.

Michael's lips were no sooner put to the glass than he was conscious of something uncanny about it.

There was no delay in its effect. Seeming to madden and burn like vitrol, it produced an instant sense of suffocation, but fortunately not of blank unconsciousness.

Except the "lookout" in the bows, and the man at the wheel, aft, there was not a soul to see Dick Corbett stagger on to the poop deck with the inert body of Michael over his shoulders.

At Tat's Corner Kitty Hazell sits, under the lee of some rocks on the beach, wearily mending her nets.

There are half a score of other women, young and old, working around her, but she speaks to no one; and, with the sympathy of their kind they leave her severly alone.

By and by, the old man who performs the duties of letter carrier and Corner, and its neighborhood, is seen to be hobbling towards the beach.

"What be owd Maartin a doin' 'ere now, I wunner?" said an old dame sitting close by Kitty.

The remark was sufficient to make the girl raise her head.

As she did so, the old postman saw her looking at him, and waved something above his head.

"Kitty Hazell, it's a message for 'ee," he said, putting the orange-colored envelope into her trembling hand.

With feverish eagerness she tore it open.

It was from the house surgeon of a large Liverpool hospital.

"Michael Fenwick brought here on landing from Braga, Portugal. Is seriously ill. Wishes to see you."

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"Kit," said Michael, sobbing, in his weakness like a child, "you will never forgive me for not keeping my promise."

"Yes, dear, I forgive you, for you have suffered most."

"One more question, Kit."

"Well, Michael?"

"Dick Corbett—what of him "

He tried to raise himself in the bed to listen to her answer.

"Tell me," he said again, excitedly. "Is that fiend, who tried to drop me over a ship's side, on a dark and stormy night—is he to escape justice?"

"What do you consider justice, Michael?"

"Death!—nothing short of death!"

"Well dear the doctor has just told me, that the Erl King, with all hands, is reported as having floundered on the same night that you drifted in that small boat to the Portuguese port. Dick Corbett, therefore, has received justice, and you and I have no more to say."

Michael Fenwick went no more to sea, for his case having enlisted public sympathy, a few wealthy gentlemen in Liverpool subscribed to buy him a fishing boat of his own, which he works by deputy.

A little while after the new vessel arrived round at Tat's Corner he and Kitty were married, and so far as report has it, with the happiest results.—New York News.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

A collection of 800 elks' teeth was found not long ago by a curio hunter. He dug them out of the grave of a long-forgotten Indian chief in Idaho. The teeth are said to be valuable for mounting.

A strange advertising war has been in progress in New York City. One firm put up an elaborate sign, nearly a city block long, building for the purpose a fence estimated to contain over 2500 feet of lumber. A rival firm later built a blank fance in from of the other, thus completely hiding the advertisement.

Notwithstanding that Charles Crissman has lived within 11 miles of Portsmouth, O., he was for the first time in his life in Portsmouth the other day. He is 31 years of age and was never more than five miles from his home. He had never seen a street car until then. He is married and none of his family has ever been in any city. They have moved to Portsmouth from a little hamlet back in the dense woods.

Among peasants of southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia a curious malady has been noticed by physicians, which is caused by eating beans. One of the most remarkable effects of the malady is a species of intoxication resembling that produced by alcoholic drink. In some cases persons predisposed to the malady are seized with the symptoms of intoxication if they pass a field where the bean plant is in flower, the odor alone sufficing to affect them.

There is in the Royal Museum in The Hague, Holland, a curious old document describing the adventures of Henry Hudson, a navigator in the service of the Dutch East India company. He it was who discovered the river to which he gave his name. A passage of the decument reads as follows: "The natives, or Indians, on his first coming here, regarded the ship with mighty wonder, and looked upon it as a sea monster, and declared that such a ship or people had never been there before."

Perhaps the most remarkable bridges in the world are the kettle bridges in Russia and Siberia, of which Cossack soldiers are expert builders. They are built up of the soldiers' lances and cooking kettles. Seven or eight lances are placed under the handles of a number of kettles and fastened by means of ropes to form a raft. A sufficient number of these rafts, each of which will bear the weight of half a ton, are fastened together and in the space of half an hour a bridge is formed on which an army may cross in confidence and safety.

Unhappily Married.

He—She married a fool with plenty of money.

She—Then why isn't she happy?

He—It brought him to his sense.—The Smart Set.

THE FOLLY OF REVISION

NO CONDITION CALLS FOR ANY TARIFF TINKERING.

Scripture Says: "They That Be Whole Need Not a Physician, But They That Are Sick"—Our Country Is Too Well to Need a Doctor's Services.

"The extraordinary prosperity of the country makes ridiculous and and all assertions that the tariff is so bad that it must be revised immediately to relieve the people of its burdens." In this single sentence the New York Commercial Advertiser expresses the situation with truth and force. It is not true that the country is suffering because of tariff burdens or tariff inequalities. It is not true, because, as everybody knows, the country is phenomenally prosperous under the tariff as it is—so prosperous, indeed, that to open up a period of tariff agitation and uncertainty at this time would seem to be an act of inconceivable folly. Senator Burrows, of Michigan, was right in saying that the time to make modifications in tariff schedules is not when the country is everywhere proseprous, but when business depression exists, which can be cured or alleviated by tariff changes. "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." This country is not sick. It does not require the services of a tariff-tinkering doctor. The prospect of tariff revision at such a time would make business sick. Even the appointment of a commission to revise the tariff, as the Commercial Advertiser truly says, would create uncertainty and unsettle conditions. No business man would know what changes were contemplated or whether Congress would or would not concur in any recommendation of changes. No calculations beyond the immediate future could be formed and no contracts for a considerable period ahead could be made. Business would have, what business does not want and cannot endure, uncertainty. As Andrew Carnegie has expressed it, "A tariff commission would have to be doing something." Doing what? Doing something with the tariff, of course. Just what it would do business men would not know. Result, doubt, indecision, uncertainty. These are bad for business, bad for industry, bad for employment, and bad for wage paying.

Senator Scott, of West Virginia, has lately said:

"But there is one subject upon which I can speak for West Virginia, as represented in both branches of Congress. We are all agreed that we want no revision of the tariff. The Dingley law suits us right down to the ground. One Republican who got scared about the tariff was Mr. Foss, of Massachusetts. The result was that his district elected a Democrat. I think that all Republicans should stand firmly against all assaults upon our protective tariff."

Is not this the manifestly correct stand for all Republicans? Is it not the best stand to take for the country and for the party? Congressman Babcock thinks not. He wants an extra session of the Fifty-eighth Congress called to tear up the tariff. Senator Depew thinks the time has arrived when the tariff should be readjusted to meet changed conditions. We did that in 1897. We readjusted the tariff not only to meet changed conditions, but as a means of changing the then existing conditions. We succeeded in changing the conditions from ruin and distress to a degree of unparalleled prosperity. Shall we change conditions once more? If so, in what direction shall we change them? Certainly not for the better. Tariff revision downward has never been known to change conditions for the better. It has always changed them for the worse. It will do it again if the revision movement is persisted in. Tariff revision upward is the only sort of revision that has ever benefited this country. Nobody is pressing for tariff revision upward, though in some directions an increase in the duties would be distinctly advantageous. But nobody proposes that. If revised at all, the traiff is to be revised downward, always downward. The country does not want that, and if it is done the country will suffer for it. This is no time to revise the tariff. Let prosperity alone for at least two years to come, and perhaps by that time we shall have become so accustomed to prosperity that we shall have grown to like it. At present it really seems as if some people could not endure it.

Began Where We Left Off.

An old story is told of a boarder who called for an egg. The waiter asked how he wanted it cooked. Just then a flash of lightning knocked him senseless, and for eight years he remained unconscious and speechless. He was at last able to speak, and his first word was "Poached." It was a case of suspended animation, and the intervening time was a blank. He resumed just where he had left off eight years before. This reminds us of the Democrat who is again talking free trade. In 1894, after the country had been wrecked by free trade legislation, the lightning of public sentiment struck the Democratic party. Word was sent all along the line that free trade must not be mentioned. For eight years not a free trade squeak was heard. At last the effect of the stroke of lightning has worn off sufficiently for old man Democracy to resume his free trade conversation at the precise point where he left off eight years ago.—Benton (Ill.) Republican.

How to Churn Up Things.

The creation of a permanent tariff commission is favored by the New York Evening Post, not because such a body would have any power to "reform" the tariff, for it would be absolutely powerless to do that, but because the existence of the commission would widen the schism in the Republican party and furnish to Governor Cummins, Congressman Babcock, Director of the Mint Roberts and others of that ilk the chance to churn things up. Yes; it would do that undoubtedly. It would churn up the tariff and give the revisionists their coveted opportunity to keep it churned up for a long time to come. The Evening Post's reason for favoring the tariff commission plan is a good reason from the free-trader's standpoint. Is it, however, a good reason from the Republican and protectionist standpoint?

WHITE SQUADRON VICTOR

Rear-Admiral Sumner Captures Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

MINES HARBOR IN TIME LIMIT

It Is Stated That the Need of Exercise in Scouting and a Greater Navy Is Demonstrated — Four Slow Ships Sent Out Act Like Scouts and Lead the Blue Fleet Astray.

Mayaguez, P. R.—The combined South Atlantic and European squadrons, under command of Rear-Admirals Sumner and Crowninshield, together known as the White Squadron, have captured Port Mayaguez. The main ship channel was completely mined by the Illinois within thirty-five minutes after the ships entered the harbor.

The scouts of the Blue, or defending squadron, and the lighter vessels of that squadron appeared later off the entrance to the harbor, but not in sufficient force to hinder the operations of the White Squadron. The mining of the harbor was so expeditiously performed that, under the rules of the search problem, the enemy cannot now take the port with any force he can bring to bear.

The ships of the White Squadron left Trinidad on Thursday, December 4. When out of sight of land a division under command of Captain Walker, consisting of the San Francisco, the Atlanta, the Nashville and the Eagle—these vessels being the slowest of the squadron—was detached, and, after reaching the curve of position from which the problem started, went through the Windward Island passage, between St. Lucia and St. Vincent, to make a feint on the southern coast of Porto Rico.

The main force, including the Iowa, the Illinois, the Chicago and the Albany, after reaching the curve of position, made a detour to the eastward and north of the Windward Island and Porto Rico. The squadron cruised at high speed 200 miles off shore, and by brilliant navigation passed inside Desecheo at night. The ships skirted along the coast of Porto Rico, completely eluding the scouts of the defending squadron, of which none was seen until the attacking force was at the mouth of the harbor.

In the meantime the detached division had made a feint south of Ponce. It was discovered there in the evening by scouts of the Blue squadron. The ships immediately withdrew to the southward, in order to draw the Blue forces in that direction. Then the Nashville, commanded by Captain Niles, and the Eagle proceeded immediately to Mayaguez, which they reached soon after the main body.

The well worked out plan of attack, the splendid navigation of Rear-Admiral Sumner's flagship; Captain Perry commanding, the high speed of the vessels of Rear-Admiral Crowninshield's European squadron, and the smart mining work of the Illinois, under command of Captain Converse, were controlling features of this successful coup.

The Hist, the only vessel of the Blue force inside Mayaguez harbor, escaped.

The problem is held to be a further demonstration of the need of exercise in scouting and of a greater Navy. In view of the proved inability of a fleet equal to that commanded by Rear-Admiral Sampson in the Spanish-American War to prevent the seizure of one of five ports within an area of 170 miles.

REED'S MEMORY HONORED.

A Remarkable Tribute Paid by the House of Representatives.

Washington, D. C.—The House paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of former Speaker Thomas B. Reed. His death had created a deep impression, and there was a universal desire among the members that the House show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the House to take action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history—the deaths of Benton, Blaine and Alexander H. Stephens, when it adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories. The House followed these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed. The chaplain at the opening of the session made a feeling reference to the death of the former Speaker. No business was transacted except the formal reading of two messages from the President and an arrangement to postpone the special order for the day until the following day. Then the resolutions, which enumerated the qualities and achievements of Mr. Reed and expressed deep sorrow for his death, were introduced and adopted, and the House adjourned.

LENIENCY FOR BANK OFFICIAL.

President Commutes Sentence of Gideon W. Marsh, Convicted in Philadelphia.

Washington, D. C. — The President has commuted to a term of imprisonment to expire December 24 next the sentence of Gideon W. Marsh, who was convicted in Philadelphia of violation of the National banking laws, and on December 13, 1898, received three sentences aggregating twelve years and three months' imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary, at Philadelphia.

Marsh pleaded guilty to three indictments consolidated, expecting to receive one sentence. The Attorney-General recommended the commutation, as he believed that the usual punishment of five years' imprisonment was sufficient.

Shamrock in Danger From Fire.

A fire at Denny's shipyards, Dumbarton, Scotland, did $100,000 damage and came near destroying the Shamrock III., Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger. Although all the material parts of the yacht were saved, it is thought that construction of the vessel may be retairded and the international races delayed.

Industrial Stagnation in Denmark.

Intense cold and industrial stagnation are causing great suffering in Denmark.

Newsy Gleanings

The mints of Siam have been closed to the free coinage of silver.

Eighty-two acres of London were sold at auction for $2,825,000.

Confederate veterans in Virginia have started a fund for a monument at Richmond, Va., to General U. S. Grant.

Government naval prisoners will hereafter wear a uniform of plain dark gray, with a round hat of the same hue.

Roumania has decreed that only citizens may hereafter practice law or act as lawyers' clerks, this being aimed at the Jews.

THE COLD WAVE GENERAL

Snow, Wind and Frost Sweep the Whole Country.

Blizzards in the West and New York State—Coal Supply Short in Many Cities—Zero Weather.

New York City.—Snow, wind and frost swept the whole country, and from every quarter "the coldest weather of the year" was reported. Blizzards raged in many parts of New York State, and in some places the thermometer had dropped to zero.

Two feet of snow fell in Chautauqua County, blocking street car lines and seriously delaying trains, while the country roads in every direction are impassable. At Coxsackie the Hudson River was frozen over from bank to bank, and all traffic was suspended above Kingston.

From St. Paul, Minn., comes the report of temperature twelve degrees below zero, and the Weather Bureau held out no indications of relief. Five deaths from the cold occurred in Chicago, where the thermometer hovered about the zero mark all day.

The northwestern part of Pennsylvania was in the grip of a howling blizzard. A fierce wind piled the snow into dangerous drifts in many places, and though the railroads had kept their snow plows in operation to keep the tracks clear, trains on all the roads in the district were delayed.

The heavy swirl of snow that descended on New York City was the first bitter warning that the cold wave had reached this city, and a special forecast was issued by the Weather Bureau ordering the display of storm warnings here and at Sandy Hook. Similar warnings have been issued all along the Pacific Coast from San Francisco northward.

As notices foretelling the approach of the cold wave were sent out through the interior there is hardly a State in the Union that could hope to escape its taste of real winter.

Even in the Southern States the temperatures have fallen. From the slope region eastward they range from eight to thirty-six degrees below normal average of other seasons, and the slightly higher figures received from the districts west of the Rockies are due to a local disturbance of marked character.

All Northern New York suffered severely. At Plattsburg the thermometer was four degrees below zero. At Saranac Lake forty-two degrees of frost were registered, and Saratoga was caught in a sudden nip when the thermometer dropped ten degrees between noon and dark. Heavy snow had fallen and the same conditions prevailed in the Adirondacks.

The blizzard, which struck Rochester with a wind blowing forty-five miles an hour, caused great suffering, as the city is almost destitute of coal and the poor are in the utmost distress.

Not more than three inches of snow fell in Chicago, but with the thermometer at zero the city was in the grip of the coldest wave of the year. Delay of traffic on the steam, street and elevated lines was general, many of the suburban trains being half an hour late, while through trains from the East and West were delayed as much as four and six hours.

The shortage of the coal supply was felt in earnest for the first time, and it is said to be impossible to buy any coal at all in some of the outlying districts.

Throughout Wisconsin and the cities of upper Michigan the thermometer ranged round and below zero, and there are said to be heavy losses of stock in the country districts.

Throughout Kansas and the Territories it was the coldest day of the year, and a further fall of temperature was expected. Along the Pacific Coast heavy gales have raged, with incessant snow. The steamer Cottage City, which reached Seattle from the north, reported a continuous gale since December 1, and telegraphic communication between Seattle and the country north is suspended, as all the wires are down.

MURDERER BREAKS JAIL.

Grether Catches a Keeper Napping and Jumps From a Window.

Stroudsburg, Pa.—Charles Grether, the convicted murderer of Constable Adam Strunk, escaped for the second time from the county jail. Daniel Vanbuskirk, another prisoner, got away with him.

After breakfast Grether was taken to the bathroom by Reinhart, the watchman, who then walked out of the jail corridor to the reading room, failing to lock the big iron doors.

Grether was quick enough to notice the watchman's mistake, and he and Vanbuskirk quietly stole upstairs and jumped from a window.

Grether was found by David Smoke, a young bootblack, and four friends near Spragueville. They discovered him in a barn and pulled him out of the haymow. He was brought back to the Stroudsburg jail.

DENVER'S MAYOR TO JAIL.

Eleven Aldermen Also Sentenced For Contempt of Court.

Denver, Col.—Mayor R. P. Wright Jr., and eleven Aldermen were sentenced by Judge Mullins, of the District Court, to serve four months in jail for contempt of court in disregarding the injunction issued by Judge Mullins to restrain the enactment in the form in which it was presented of an ordinance granting a franchise to the Denver City Tramway Company. Mayor Wright signed the ordinance, though this act was specifically forbidden by the court. The Mayor and Aldermen will appeal from Judge Mullins's decision on legal points involved in the case and remain at liberty under bonds.

Death For Boy Burglar.

Earl Whitney, aged seventeen, was found guilty at Lexington, Ky., of complicity in the murder of the merchant Addison Chinn and sentenced to death. Claude O'Brien, his companion, who actually fired the shot, will be immediately placed on trial. O'Brien is eighteen years old. They were daring burglars.

Governor Odell's Plurality.

The plurality of Governor Odell at the recent election in New York State was 8803.

Personal Mention.

The Duke of Portland is said to be the tallest man in England.

The Shah of Persia is one of the finest chess players in the world.

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the celebrated Wesleyan preacher, died suddenly in London.

Lord Kitchener visited the Nile dam of the Assouan reservoir the other day and expressed great admiration for the work.

John S. Sargent, the portrait painter, will soon leave London for the United States to paint a portrait of President Roosevelt.

VENEZUELAN NAVY SEIZED

British and German Naval Forces Capture Four Warships.

CASTRO ARRESTS FOREIGNERS

All British and German Subjects in Caracas Apprehended—The Offended Governments Present Ultimatums to the South American Republic—Their Ministers Leave the Capital.

London.—A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that the combined British and German fleets have seized the Venezuelan fleet composed of four warships in the harbor of La Guayra.

Caracas, Venezuela.—All German and British subjects in Caracas have been arrested.

President Castro received a newspaper correspondent, and in reply to questions said:

"The Venezuelan Government has not received any ultimatum, properly speaking, but rather simultaneous requests from Great Britain and Germany. The claims Great Britain asks this Government to settle are small, and up to the present time we have not been aware of them. Never having been presented, Venezuela has consequently never refused to settle them. Great Britain's action is therefore without justification.

"The Venezuelan Government cannot decide on foreign claims before the revolution has been entirely crushed. At present the only aim of the Government is the re-establishment of public order, and other questions must necessarily be subservient to this object. Nevertheless, to prove Venezuela's desire to settle all pending claims in a conformable manner, the Government issued a decree during the last session of Congress, dated November 28, creating a committee to which all pending claims should be referred. No claims have been presented to this committee, and no claims have been rejected. There has been no denial of justice. Why, therefore, should foreign Chancellories intervene, thereby ignoring our laws and endeavoring to violate our National sovereignty? We cannot understand this action."

The correspondent then said to President Castro:

"What do you intend to do in view of the present attitude of the powers?"

President Castro replied:

"Enforce our rights and explain to the world that Venezuela has laws; prove that we have never denied our engagements."

The President was then asked what reply the Venezuelan Government would make to the requests handed to it by the British and German envoys. To this question President Castro replied:

"After reflection, the Venezuelan Government is astonished that after the notes which were transmitted to it by the diplomatic representatives of Germany and Great Britain, these envoys should leave Caracas without awaiting the reply of the Venezuelan Government."

The correspondent then asked President Castro what course he intended to pursue should the powers declare a blockade. The President excused himself from answering this question.

London.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed up by a seizure of the customs, unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period.

The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The Foreign Office says, with regard to the time limit:

"It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured Governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard of the Venezuelan Government of all our representations, specify our claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's Government in connection therewith."

Caracas, Venezuela. — The British Minister, W. H. D. Haggard, and the German Charge d'Affaires, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, left Caracas for La Guayra, where Minister Haggard went on board the British cruiser Retribution and Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vineta. Both the British and German legations have been closed.

Washington, D. C.—The following telegram was received at the State Department from H. W. Bowen, United States Minister at Caracas:

"The President of Venezuela has published a letter in the newspapers stating that foreign creditors must await the re-establishment of peace; then all promises will be fulfilled."

DICKINSON GETS FIFTEEN YEARS

The Philadelphia Business-Man-Burglar Convicted of Crime.

Philadelphia, Pa.—George Dickinson, alias Wescott, who was arrested about ten days ago after a desperate fight with a policeman, and who was discovered by the detectives to be a burglar by night and a business man by day, was tried and convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The police accused Dickinson of nearly sixty robberies, but could obtain legal evidence in only twenty-five cases. It is said loot to the value of nearly $10,000 was recovered by the police.

Leniency For Convicted Boers.

The report of the Royal Commission which was sent to South Africa to revise the sentences pronounced under martial law shows that the commission has dealt very leniently with these cases. Out of 794 cases the commission ordered the liberation of 119 prisoners and made large reductions in the original sentences of others.

Burglars Escaped on a Hand Car.

Burglars took $2000 from the savings bank at Whiteville, Tenn., and escaped on a hand car.

To Try Major Glenn Again.

Orders have been received at Manila from Washington directing that Major Edward F. Glenn, of the Fifth Infantry, shall be put on trial a second time for alleged cruelty committed during the Samar campaign. Major Glenn is commanding a post at Bayambang, district of Pangasinan, Luzon.

The New Spanish Ministry.

A new Spanish Ministry has been formed, with Senor Silvela as Premier and General Linares, who was wounded at the battle of Santiago, as Minister of War.

DEATH ON THE BIG LAKES

The Season's List of 140 Sailors Drowned the Largest on Record.

Lake Erie Leads With the Loss of Fifty-nine Lives—Increase in Fatalities as the Result of Collisions.

Chicago.—The death harvest on the great lakes during the season of 1902 has been the greatest recorded, 140 lives having been lost. The figures for the last seven years are as follows: 1896, 66 deaths; 1897, 88; 1898, 95; 1899, 100; 1900, 110; 1901, 132; 1902, 140.

Lake Erie, which last year had only 11 deaths charged up against it, now leads with 59. Lake Superior was the watery grave of 40, Lake Michigan had 14, Lake Huron 22, and Lake Ontario 5. Ten sailors were lost in the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers.

Notwithstanding the year's large total, six more sailors went down with their ships in 1901 than in 1902, the figures being 59 and 53. On the other hand, 47 men fell overboard and were drowned during the season just closed, a big increase over 1901.

Loss of life in collisions increased from 5 in 1901 to 15 in 1902.

WRAPPED CHILD IN PETTICOAT.

Omaha Society Woman Took Pity on Half-Frozen Infant in a Street Car.

Omaha, Neb.—By reason of a little act of kindness to a shivering, poorly clad child on a street car Mrs. Harry Cartan, a wealthy society woman of Omaha, is the talk of the city, and the comments are all highly eulogistic.

A few days ago Mrs. Cartan got on a street car to go to her husband's place of business to join him in a theatrical party. She saw on the car a laboring man with a young baby in his arms; the child was poorly clad, and seemed to be half frozen, the weather being bitterly cold.

Mrs. Cartan arose from her seat and calmly removed her silk petticoat, then, walking down the aisle, she asked the man's permission to wrap the garment around the infant. He made no objection, and she tenderly took the young baby in her arms and wrapped the warm, soft petticoat around it, then laid it back in the father's arms. Then she quietly took her seat again, the admiring, approving gaze of every person in the car resting on her.

Mrs. Cartan was Miss Sadie Nash, the daughter of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Smelter Trust.

BIG FIRE IN ATLANTA.

Business Block in Georgia City Burned—Loss Nearly 500,000.

Atlanta, Ga.—Fire wiped out almost a block of business houses in the heart of the city, causing a loss estimated at between $400,000 and $500,000. The fire originated in the furniture store of Snook & Austin, on the Whitehall street viaduct. It spread with great rapidity to the Norcross building, six stories high, taken up largely with the offices of physicians, dentists and attorneys. Both buildings were destroyed. The building adjoining the Norcross building, on Marietta street, also was gutted.

The Williams House, a small hotel located on the upper floor of the Jacobs Pharmacy Building, contained about sixty-five lodgers, all of whom escaped.

INDIANS SAW OFF MAN'S FEET.

Then Goad Him to Walk on Stumps Until He Dies.

Bisbee, Ariz.—Colonel Kosterlistski has received from the Mayor of Rio Yaqui, Mexico, a letter giving an account of the tragic death of "California Dan" Ryan, chief of scouts under General Luis Torres.

Ryan and George W. Wilson were sent out on a scout. They were surprised and taken prisoners by the Yaquis, tried by a council of war, and "California Dan" was condemned to death, Wilson being acquitted.

In the presence of Wilson the Yaquis with dull saws cut off the feet of "California Dan" just above the ankles. Then they unbound him, and by goading him they compelled him to walk until he fell dead in the brush.

SUSPICIOUS ST. LOUIS DEATHS.

Six Persons, Relatives, Nearly All Insured, Pass Away in Eleven Months.

St. Louis, Mo. — Deputy Coroner Boogher, in an official statement declared that the result of the inquest held over the body of Mrs. Karl Smith, whose death was the sixth occurring during the last eleven months of persons nearly related, revealed the fact that all of the dead, except a baby, had been insured.

Nearly all of the six persons died suddenly. The fact that they were insured, and that they all exhibited similar symptoms, caused the inquest to be held.

RIVER ABANDONS A TOWN.

Changes Its Course, Suddenly Cutting Off Water Supply.

Nebraska City, Neb.—Nebraska City is without water, due to the Missouri River channel changing. The water pipe which extended into the river sticks out of dry sand, and there is not a drop of water to come through it. This condition of affairs has been wrought in twelve hours, and the town is now two miles from the river. An entire new channel has been made by the sudden jump the river has taken far to the eastward of the city. The city is without fire protection, and should a blaze occur, the entire town would be burned up.

NEW NO MAN'S LAND.

Strip Sixty Miles Wide Along the Colorado-New Mexico Boundary.

Washington, D. C. — The fact has been discovered that one statute establishes the northern boundary of New Mexico along the thirty-eighth degree of latitude, while another places the southern boundary of Colorado at the thirty-seventh. No one here seems to know which line is recognized, and that fact is to be used in urging that the Territory is so sparsely settled that it should not be admitted as a State.

Sporting Brevities.

Tobin bronze will be used in the construction of the new cup yacht by the Herreshoffs.

E. E. Farnsworth has been elected captain of the West Point football team, and C. C. Soule, Jr., captain of the Annapolis eleven.

Cincinnati has eleven pitchers signed for 1903—Hahn, Wiggs, Phillips, Poole, Harper, Thielman, Vickers, Allemang, Ewing, Hooker and Sutthoff.

The Westchester Racing Association has acquired 640 acres of ground at Queens, Long Island, and will construct an extensive race course.

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And the Monroe doctrine again proceeds to "bob up serenely."

It would be much nearer the point to say that prosperity is the mother of trusts, than ascribe it to Tariff.

It is rumored that the removal of Isaac J. Spence as assistant district attorney is on the cards.

Those indicted registrars, if they are innocent (?) need have nothing to fear at the hands of the federal judiciary.

The income of that plain man, William Jennings Bryan, is $1 500 a week. This is an admirable example of "apparent prosperity."

The long heralded "Side Tracked," held the boards at the Academy last evening. It was a very disappointing production and would scarcely have done credit to a ten cent beer hall.

A Raleigh dispatch states that the legislative halls are being thoroughly cleaned for the first time in manys years. Our advice is, after they get them clean keep the present crowd out. The halls and the state would both vantage therefrom.

The Democratic press seems to be in high glee because of the recent attack made upon Senator Pritchard by Ex-Congressman White. Well, make the most of it. From our point of view Ex-Congressman White's attack is in itself an indorsement.

President Hanes, of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, has addressed a letter to the chambers of the State in which he suggests a meeting of business men from the different cities in the near future to discuss railroad discrimination in rates and formulate their grievances.

The News and Observer suggests as a Republican ticket for 1904: President; Theodore Roosvelt; Vice-President, Jeter C. Pritchard. The only sensible suggestion that organ ever made within the memory of man.

The life savers in the service of the federal government work long hours for small pay and take the most terrifying of risks in perilous condition Their annual salaries are paltry and trivial. Again we say they ought to have pensions.

The Representative from Rowan county states to friends that he will offer a bill in the Legislature to establish the whipping post in North Carolina. This would represent a return to barbarism, with a vengeance.

In reply to an inquiry whether he is a candidate for the Presidency, Senator Hanna said, "I am not, will not be and don't want the job?" And we have Hanna's word for it says the Wilmington Star that he never spoke anything but the truth.

The suggestion that the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the god-given ratio of 16 to 1 is the great panacea for national ills seems to have an irritating effect upon democracy these days. The Chicago platform is about dence hugh.

The educational cry seems to be dying out since the election. Gov. Aycock and force are also enabled once more to take up the reins of government undisturbed by the necessity for making educational addresses. "Sich" in politics.

The prompt steps taken by Republican members of the House judiciary committee to perfect a bill requiring that all trusts report their financial affairs, and taxing watered stock, indicate a determination to legislate along the lines set forth by leading Republicans

It is a significant fact that but for convict labor there would not be a mile of macadamized public highway in North Carolina. The convicts have in 28 years built rather more than one-third of the railway mileage in the state. The criminal can be made a useful member of society whether or no.

"Senator Simmons" says the Asheville Register "ought to admonish Locke Craig and Josephus Daniels to say something impressive to those obstreperous brothers of theirs. Their fraternal attitude towards certain sons of Ham who hold important federal positions has created an embarrassing dilemma and put the whole crew of Democratic machine leaders into it. They seem to have tumbled to the fact that Senator Pritchard is ahead of them and they are making themselves

An immense meteor was seen to fall near Danbury last Saturday night by a number of citizens. Its size is said to have been as that of a nail keg.—Danbury Reporter.

Wonder if the said citizens hadn't seen another "keg of nails" earlier in the evening?

We hear so much about the Roosvelt-Washington dinner. Why don't the democratic organs tell us how Grover Cleveland and Booker spoke from the same platform in Philadelphia the other day as the orators of the occasion and afterwards banqueted together.

When you here a Democratic organ cry "revenue-doodler," just cast your eye on the hard of hungry Democrats clamoring for office. Look at the hot fights in the primaries, the fierce seraluble for even municipal nominations; and last of all the fratricidal battle being waged for Senator Pritchard's empty seat. Look on these things and learn the mockery of the cry.

The Democratic organs are foaming at the mouth because the Republican party does not curb the trusts in the shake of a lamb's tail. Every plan advanced by a Republican is labelled as N. G. Meanwhile Democracy, for campaign effect, furnishes all the noise, and, consistent with its previous history, does nothing. Its sole suggestion is to remove the tariff and thus kill the trusts by paralyzing all business. Lord! what a remedy.

The significance of the election cannot be denied. With 100,000 black voters gone, 6,000 left voting with those who disfranchised their kin; 30,000 poor white men ruled out because they couldn't raise $2 six months before the time it was needed, and these almost to a man republican or anti-machine democrats; and yet, we find, when the deluge subsided, 70,000 white men on a light vote saying no to democracy methods. All the world and his wife acknowledges this startling fact.

Senator Pritchard who has been in bad health for some weeks under went an operation at a hospital in Washington yesterday. He has placed himself under the care of an eminent specialist, who advised that he submit to an operation. It is the belief of his physician that he will be in his usual good health after the operation, which is not dangerous and does'nt give the Senator or his friends any cause for alarm whatever.

In the Wilson postmaster case the Democrats are evidently of the opinion that they have the President a comin' or a goin'. If he appoints Vick they can cry "nigger." If he doesn't appoint him, they can use this as an argument among the negro voters of the north, and at the same time, as a result of the grand-stand protest of the North Carolina delegation, claim the credit for the non-appointment for themselves at home.

Says the Durham Herald;

The president may have done many things that the people of the south do not like, and we are not slow in finding fault with one of the opposite faith, but he as appointed fewer negroes to office among us than any republican president within our recollection As this has been the issue with us in every campaign since the war we should appreciate the fact that the president has attempted to give us what we wanted and not play politics with him.

Judging from the Democratic organs the sole raison d'itre of the Republican party in the south is federal patronage. Yet you can look around you and see numbers of men who have voted for the good old party for years; men who have voted the ticket when in fact from the bitterness of party prejudice it was at the sacrifice of their social and business interests to so do. These men have never sought political office or preferment. They made up the man of the sixty-eight thousand votes cast by the party at the last election. They are Republicans from principle

"It is doubtful "says the Charlotte Observer" if Senator Pritchard encourages the idea of forming a new judicial circuit of Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas, and making him the judge. Somehow one doesn't associate Senator Pritchard with the bench. It is too quiet for him; he doesn't like a quiet time. He is a natural fighter; has been all his life; was reared and lives among a fighting people and is their idol. He likes the turmoil and conflict of politics, "the thunder of the captains and the shouting." The immediate future holds out nothing for him in politics but it is a question if he would not rather stay in it, anyhow, and take his chances than to take his ease and comfort on the bench."

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Reed is counted as one of the three great Speakers of the House—the other two being Blaine and Clay. He found the House an ungoverned and ungovernable body, kiling legislation with a world of words. He left it a well ordered and working organization. He was not in the general sense of the word a magnetic man, but his force of character coupled with an iron will, keen intellect and broad scholarship commanded admiration, respect and attention. His character, as a contemporary points out, is perhaps most fitly illustrated by a quotation from his card of thanks to the people of the state of Maine when he left that state a few years ago to take up the practice of law in New York city. Said he: "I thank the Republicans of my district who, on their own motion, have nominated and elected me term after term; I thank the thousands of Democrats who, unsolicited, have cast their ballots for me, for they know that I have never flown a false flag, nor trimmed a sail to catch a passing breeze."

He died in the fullness of his power, a leader of the New York bar and perhaps the foremost American of his time.

DEMOCRACY AND THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

Mr. Simmons is the head of the Democratic party and his statement read between the lines, shows it to be the purpose of the democrats to take over the liquor business as near as possible under state control (1) for the purpose of raising much needed revenues and (2) for the purpose of removing the business as near as possible as a political weapon from the hands of the republicans and transferring whatever political advantage there is in it to the democrats. Whether this idea if carried into effect, means something similar to the Tillman dispensary business in South Carolina is to be developed. The things herein set forth, are indicated by the outcroppings. Just how far the plan will be carry out and what the result will be the future mustdet ermine.—Statesville Landmark.

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A SOMETHING—CHARACTER.

The New Bern Journal, discussing current politics, gives us the following:

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Perhaps it is in the Senator's trick of being able to keep so hot a trail upon his political adversaries, treading closely upon truths in his statements, which provoke the opposing "Machine" to turn and endeavor to discover just how much Mr. Pritchard know of what he states. To learn if it be "bluff," or what would be more serious, acknowledge, treading closely on facts.

Like the late Marion Butler, Senator Pritchard has proven a stubborn political proposition to the Democratic party of this State, but unlike the former who possessed craftiness and smoothness in a high degree, Mr. Pritchard manifests an open sincerity and ruggedness which provokes his enemies into conflicts; really not warranted by conditions

While Senator Pritchard will soon retire for the North Carolina Senatorship, it cannot be said that he retires with any loss of character. It can be said that his retirement will in a measure be a loss to some commercial interests of the State.

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For the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Elizabeth City, N. C. In the matter of R. H. Raper, Bankrupt.

The petition of R. H. Raper, of Elizabeth City, N. C., for a full discharge in bankruptcy having been filed in said Court, it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had on the 27th day of November, 1902, before Charles Guirkin, Referee, at Elizabeth City, N. C., at 10 o'clock, p. m., and that all known creditors and other persons interested appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why he prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

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$20,000.00 CASH CONTEST

OF THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

UPON TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS OF COTTON 1st SEPT., 1902, TO 10th JAN., 1903.

CONTEST CLOSES DECEMBER 31st, 1902.

MAGNIFICENT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER.

To the one Making the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the receipts of cotton AT ALL UNITED STATES PORTS from Sept. 1, 1902, to January 10, 1903 ..... $8,000

To the next nearest estimate		2,000
To the second next nearest		1,000
To the five next nearest	$300 each	1,500
To the ten next nearest	200 each	2,000
To the fifteen next nearest	100 each	1,500
To the twenty next nearest	50 each	1,000
To the fifty next nearest	10 each	500
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Grand total $20,000

Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Mammoth $20,000 Contest.

[1] Send $1.25 for WEEKLY CONSTITUTION and SUNNY SOUTH, both one year, and [illegible] one estimate for the SUNNY SOUTH and another estimate for THE CONSTITUTION.

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[5] The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time, and they must go together. This rule is positive.

[6] No estimate must be mailed later than December 31st, 1902.

[7] In case of a tie upon any prize estimate, the money will be equally divided.

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Enter THREE estimates for me, for $1.00 enclosed, in your current contest as follows:

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1st [ ]
2d [ ]
3d [ ]

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Postoffice.....

State .....

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A STYLISH MAN

can appreciate the way we do up a shirt. There are all sort of little differences between our way and other people's ways, and our success our great [illegible] unusual success is due to these little differences.

Try us and find out the differences.

Its well worth while.

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PHONE 125.

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Once a year, during the holiday season, the world and his wife make merry and spread a sumptuous board. The world and his wife known where to buy the good things of earth. They come to Fulmer's where they find large juicy Oranges, Malaga Grapes of the finest flavor, Bananas, Pineapples, Nuts, Figs and Raisins. They take home with them also cans of real English Plum Pudding and California Cherries, Cranberries, extra fine Olives, Pineapple Cheese a California Celery are there to tempt them. All these good things topped off with a gallon of Fulmer & Co's Ice Cream furnish the best of Christmas cheer. Don't fail to call on

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A word about Brick. Everybody needing Brick want a good quality—an article that will wear and last. The Thompson Works manufacture the best for building and all other purposes made in this section. They are well burned and "all right" in every respect. All orders promptly filled. Address F. G Thomas [illegible], N. C.

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Schedule in effect May 25th, 1902.

TRAIN SERVICE.

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[illegible]

OUTBOUND:

Leave Eliz City daily except Sunday 11:35, a. m
Arrive at [illegible] 12:35, p. m
Arrive [illegible] 5:20 p. m.
Leave Eliz City [illegible] except Sunday 5:45 p. m
Arrive Edenton 6:40 p. m.

Trains stop at all intermediate stations.

Connect at Norfolk with trains to and from Virginia Beach and Currituck Branch Virginia Beach Division.

STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

Schedule in effect February 17, 1902.



Steamers leave Edenton daily (except Sunday) [illegible] for Plymouth connecting with Washington and Plymouth R. R. for Washington, N. C., and with steamer for Windsor. Steamer leaves Edenton 12:15 for Jamesville and Williamston. Leave Edenton Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 12.45 p. m., for Chowan River landings and Monday and Friday for Scuppernong River.

Daily line between Elizabeth City and New Berne, N. C.—South bound—Leave Elizabeth City—Steamer Neuse, 6.00 p. m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Steamer Ocracoke, [illegible] Mondays, Wednesday and Friday.

Both steamers stop at Roanoke Island and Oriental each way connects with A. and N. C. for Goldsboro and W. & W. for Wilmington.

Steamers leave Belhaven daily except Sunday [illegible] for Washington, N. C. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 5 a. m. for [illegible] Creek, Aurora and [illegible] Monday and Friday for Swan Quarter and Ocracoke.

For further information apply to W. B. Keyes, Agent, Elizabeth City, or to the General Office of the Norfolk & Southern R. R. Company, Norfolk, Va.

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For tempting breakfast foods to richest materials for dainty desserts we fill your wants perfectly.

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Phone 58.

The North Carolinian.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1902.

In Poverty Place.

They frown as they gaze on the holiday race—
The rush, and the roar and the rattle,
Who cares for the people in Poverty Place—
The wounded and worn of the battle.

They frown on the garlands—the fluttering flags,
The holiday shouting and singing;
They cringe in their casements, and shiver in rags
While the bells of the Chr s are ringing.

And charity lifts not the veil from her face
Her sweetest compassion to show them;
So many are huddled in Poverty Place,
Not even the white angels know them!

LOCAL GLEANINGS

Keep the waterway in mind.

A slight flurry of snow Sunday.

Our electric light service is bum—awfully bum.

A man is often said to be feeling his pats when in reality he's feeling his rye.

The Virginian correspondent and Teach, the pirate, seem to be having quite a large time to-gether.

Tobacco culture would mean great things for Albemarle. The matter will admit of thorough experiment.

This is the season when Charity begins at home—to scold the old lady for making so many Christmas bills.

There should be no politics in Christmas; and yet, we can't help feeling friendly to the man who sends us the fattest turkey.

In the book of life the names of the members of the Chamber of Commerce who "do things" for their fellow-men should be written large.

Hon. and Mrs. T. G. Skinner, after a protracted visit in Raleigh, Henderson, Kittrell and Elizabeth City, returned to their homes in Hertford today.

A number of basket-ball teams have been organized and the contests pulled off of evenings in the Y. M. C. A. gymnaseum are productive of much rivalry.

Those back of the street-car line have their surveyors on the field and they are busily at work mapping out the proposed route along our streets and avenues.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has had run along the Norfolk and Southern railroad from Norfolk to Edenton, an extra wire to be used for commercial business.

"A Cuban Romance" at the Academy to-night and to-morrow night for the benefit of the fire-company. Give the boys your support. They are members of the most deserving organization in the city.

The great Baptist Convention at Durham, the most successful in the history of the church in this state, has closed. The next convention will be held in Charlotte. Elizabeth City made a strong bid for the same.

Our merchants are displaying their holiday good. Thousands of dollars has been invested and the supply will be much greater than ever before, Watch the advertising column of The Carolinian and keep posted about these goods.

The fire-laddies were called to the scene of a rather novel blaze Sunday morning. The water-tank of the Blades Lumber Co. was in flames. Despite all efforts the tank was consumed. The water in the tank, however, escaped without injury,

The value of publicity is today, as as asset to the merchant, but the publicity wanted is the advertising which appears daily, not the kind which is seen for a few weeks, then disappears, leaving it a matter of investigation with the public whether the merchant is still in business or has gone away.

The separation by special act of Elizabeth City from the county proper is a matter the consideration of which is to be taken up at the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. All city taxes would under the new state of affairs then inure to the benefit of the town.

What Elizabeth wants and needs is a public library. One in connection with the Y. M. C. A. should succeed and would also serve to add to the popularity of that deserving institution. Good books are a man's best friends and are the enemies of vice. Have we not a local Carnegie?

Our enterprising correspondent of the Virginian has sprung a new railroad on us. It seems that the E. City Lumber Co has been constructing a narrow gauge road from a lumber centre at Centre Hill to their mills in this city—a distance of nearly 30 miles. The road is nearly completed.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

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Money Loaned upon approved security. Applp to Edmund Alexander, Attorney-at-Law and manager of "The Carolina Collecting Agency;" Rooms Nos. 5 and 6 Academy of Music, Elizabeth City, N. C.

There seems to be some agitation for a hospital in this city. The Carolinin never seeks to throw cold water on a deserving scheme, but it doubts the practicability of this plan at present. We doubt if there is enough serious sickness or if sufficient casuallies occur in this city to keep the institution alive.

With regret we chronicle the death of Mr. Geo. Bell, Jr., aged 41, from aggrivated catarrh of the stomach, which sad event occurred at his home in this city Friday morning the 12th. Mr. Bell was a genial gentleman and well-liked. He was long connected with the establishment of Mr. S. E. Speight of this city. He leaves a son and daughter surviving him.

The Suffolk and Carolina people have their surveyors on the ground and they are now busy at work mapping out the right of way to be utilized by the railroad in its entrance to the city. Over half a million dollars is to be expended by the road, it is stated, in improving its water-frontage and terminus in this city. The shekles thus turned loose will cause old Betsy to put on a radiant smile.

Just a word. The Carolinian has no free list. It is not so dead anxious for you to read its items and comments as to furnish you a paper for nothing. Don't fool yourself on this score. It gives full value for its subscription charge. If you don't think so, notify us, pay up your arrearage, and we will gently scratch your name from the list. This applies to all classes and conditions of men.

Holiday Hints,—At the Fair Department Store you will find a choice collection of Toys, Books and Games. The Standard Pharmacy, is offering some beautiful Medalions Mitchell makes some great Clothing offerings, and is especially strong in its Toy Department. Melick has everything from a chafing dish to a set of Furniture. For Christmas Groceries, Old & Fearing are Jonny on the spot. Hathaway has the thing in Jewelry, if that is what you are looking for. The Albemarle Steam Laundry will put a gloss on your shirt that will make you look immaculate whether you are or not. Fulmer & Co., has a store full of good things to eat. Culpepper on Road St., is also carrying an extra large stock of Christmas Groceries.

The Old Building.

The renovated Old building, corner Main and Road streets, promises to be when completed one of the handsomest in this city. The upper story has been added to by up-building and a metalic cornice gives architectural finish. On the ground floor the brick wall has been largely cut away and is supplanted by iron pillars. There will be two stories on this floor, a large and a small, with full plate-glass frontage on Main street. The larger of these two stores will be occupied as soon as finished by the enterprising grocery firm of Old & Fearing. The building will have an imitation stone frontage, and the upper floor will be divided into handsome suits of rooms suitable for batchelor apartments. With the proposed renovation of the Albemarle House as a first-class hostlery the upper portion of Main street will take on new life.

The Wilcox Trial.

The second trial of James Wilcox will soon open. The Governor has ordered a special term for Perquimans for this purpose. This court will convene Jan. 12th. There is some sensational statement going the rounds that a new witness will be produced at this second trial by whose evidence it will be proved that Wilcox was with the murdered girl 15 minutes before the time at which it is alleged she died. We fail to see the very great pertinency of this evidence. This state of affairs migh easily be assumed under the evidence already adduced. Could it be shown where the parties were at this time, however, —on the porch or elsewhere—the complexion of affairs might be altered. The general tend of opinion seems to run to the effect that the prisoner stands a better chence of acquittal at this second trial than at the previous one.

A New Steamboat Line.

It is stated on reliable information that traffic in these waters is soon to have the benefit of additional steamboat service. A new line will shortly make its advent. Mr. Dea Kyne, a millionaire and extensive ship owner of Millington, N. J., intends putting on a $60,000 steamer making regular trips between Beaufort and Baltimore The boat is 300 tons burden, 160 feet in length and draws 6 feet of water. She will stop at this city and at Norfolk. Connection will be made with the Pennsylvania R. R. at Baltimore. Truckers and shippers will benefit greatly by new freight rates. The new boat will also furnish accomodations for 200 passengers. Her speed is estimated at 20 miles an hour. Mr. Dea Kyne also intends putting on a 14 mile boat, 70 feet long, to run on the Scuppernong river. This boat will make three trips a week between Columbia, N. C., and Norfolk.

As To The Redemption of Israel.

We have all seen or heard of the poor victims of epilepsy, and, as we all know, intermittent madness is the most common form of brain disease. During the major portion of the time the afflicted one enjoys health and sanity, but when the convulsion is upon him his writhings are awful to behold.

In certain respects the case of our contemporary, the Economist, bears comparison with those thus violently afflicted. Six months in the year it is as sweet-tempered an organ as one could wish to read, but on the seventh a political madness seizes it and in a wild paroxysm it proceeds to destroy the Republican party root and branch and eradicate the last seed of Radicalism from Pasquotank. When the distemper is upon it its ravings, of course, are not to be treated seriously. Time has demonstrated that these periodical out-breaks are to be expected. Its weakness seems incurable and at such times its friends and patrons bear with it as best they may, while the unsympathetic world stands aside to laugh.

Last week our contemporary, suffering from one of its convulsions, delivered itself while in a semi lucid state of an article entitled "The Redemption Of Israel."

In the early part of this remarkable article it proceeds to glorify in the usual extravagant style the star of Democracy, compared to which the sun and moon are but feeble lights and Republicanism the faintest of candles spluttering in a corner.

All Democratic officials, we are given to understand, are paragons of virtue, ability and honesty, while at the same time it is gently intimated that the Republican officials were all thieves and robbers. Our contemporary, of course, is general in its statement in this regard and makes not a single specific charge.

Continuing its glorification song, it claims for local Democracy the kingdoms of heaven and earth and the fulness thereof and asserts that every commendable public act of recent years found its birth in the Democratic party.

In great glee it calls attention to a county debt which existed at the time Democracy stole into office. In magnanimious spirit—our contemporary never does things by halves—it more than doubled the actual amount of this debt. It then swells with pride and points to the fact, alleged, that this debt is no more. It of course fails to call attention to that other debt bequeathed by Democracy to a previous Republican administration, it makes no note of the fact that in the last few years Elizabeth's population has more than doubled and the value of her taxable property more than trebled while at the same time the tax rate has increased. It glories in the fact that *Democracy is able to live within its income.* Considering the fact that a Democratic national administration failed to so do and the present state Democratic administration is pleging Carolina's credit for all it is worth, we agree with our contemporary that this fact is indeed remarkable.

There are several little points, however, on which it might be well to enlighten our contemporary. The home for aged and infirm was never fathered by Democracy. A board of Republican Commissioners built the home in 1897-98. We would also suggest that if ye scribe of the Economist some fine day when time hangs heavy on his hands should amble down to the court house and read the memorial stone there in the passage way, he will discover that our handsome county building was built by a board of County Commissioners made up of straight Republicans and Fusionists—all of whom were opposed to the straight Democratic nominees. Our friend might do well to ponder these facts. He will discover one beautiful thing about the record of the Republican party—the more you study it the better it becomes. Our friend has, doubless, been misled by the ignorant. Under proper tutelage, his madness foresworn, a good Radical might be made of him yet.

We will admit the Economist's claim that Democracy built the jail—a prison-house so secure that the inmates thereof seem to have no trouble in taking French-leave whenever the notion siezes them—at a cost of $8,560. Democracy can point to this achievement with pride.

At the tale end of its article, our contemporary, exhausted, was barely able to whisper "nigger." But whisper it it did. The strain was relieved and all was well.

We have, perhaps, treated our contemporaries article with too much seriousness. After all it may simply have been intended as a humorous production. As such it was certainly immense. If not so intended, however, we would caution our contemporary that, hereafter, before it opens its mouth it should learn whereof it speaks. Selah! One tale is good till another is told.

The Dispensary,

The agitation is now for a dispensary run under the supervision of "a christian gentleman." We confess we don't take much stock in the idea. The dispensary has succeeded in certain small towns we know, but in most of the larger ones it has proved a disastrous failure involving all of the evils with none of the virtues attendant upon absolute prohibition. We have notably in mind Greensboro. Our idea is, neck or nothing. Give us absolute prohibition or let well enough alone. We are not going to make any great howl about it, however, one way or the other.

GRAND TOY DISPLAY

Toys for good Girls and Boys

The Centre of our great store is especially for Children. How their hearts will beat for joy when they see all the nice things merry Old Santa has collected for them—the sly rascal. Come use your eyes for all their worth and you'll see hundreds of things you never dreamed of before, and, the most important thing of all, you can find thousands of Toys at, 10, 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents, all elegant new goods.

Our store really turned into a fairy land. Ropes of Handkerchiefs greet you as you enter. The Doll Booth is simply a thing of beauty. Every article you can well think of will be seen in the following lists.

All suitable presents for Men, Women, Boys, Children and Girls.

HERE'S A HANDY SHOPPING GUIDE.

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Seek Shoulder Shawl	Beds	Over Coats	Neck Ties
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Cloaks	Dolls	Gloves	Tool Chest
Dressing Sacques	Doll House	Full Dress Shields	Train of Cars
Brooches	Work Boxes	Box Collars	Humming Tops
Photo Frames	China Dishes	Shirts	Over Coats
Books	Cups and Saucers	Shoes	Drums
Belt Pins	Tea Sets of all kinds	Dressing Case	Fire Engines
Petti Coats		Umbrellas	Milk Wagons
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Elizabeth City's Greatest Store.

Announcement.

Holiday Season

1902-3.

It is hardly four weeks 'till Christmas. Have you given it any thought? Its high time, as heretofore we shall make a specialty of **Books, Dolls, Games** and **Fancy China**. We do not carry Toys.

We have made larger preparations this season than ever before to meet the growing wants of our patrons.

Our **Book, Stock** is nearly twice the size of last year. We have endeavored to anticipate your wants but in some cases that is impossible. If you want any special book or any special edition we can get it and at an appreciable saving from publishers prices.

We will procure any BOOK published at a saving of from 15 to 20 per cent from publishers prices.

If you want anything special place your order now and avoid the eleventh hour rush and disappointment.

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The Big Department Store,

YOU SAVE MONEY

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Beautiful medallions—the choicest ever shown in the city.

Military Hair Brushes, Comb and Brush Sets. A great variety of styles and prices.

Perfumes, the best manufactured, in Cut-Glass Bottles and appropriate boxes—a tasty gift.

Manicure Sets, Hand Mirrors and Leather Novelties.

Come in as soon as you can and as often as you can.

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Good and fresh and worth having
The best groceries and the best way
of handling them gives us the best business.

"Delicious, Appetizing, Excellent, Reliable."

are some of the exclamations about the table delicacies we sell. All fresh, too.

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Pen Rests	Music Rolls	Cup Saucer and Plate
Fountain Pens	Albums and Frames	Knife, Fork and Spoon
Bill Books	Pictures and Mirrors	Stoves
Pocket Books	Cut Glass and Dainty China	Tea and Toilet Sets
Military Hair Brushes	Chafing Dishes	Pianos
Cloth and Hat Brushes	Serving Dishes	Picture Books
Shaving Cases	Marion Harland Coffee Pots	Tool Chests
Traveling Cases	Dinner and Tea Sets	Air Rifles
Collar and Cuff Boxes	Salad Bowls and Fruit Dishes	Pistols
Smoking Sets	Vases & Bisque Figures	Wagons
Cigar Cases	Clocks & Mantle Ornaments	Horses
Tobacco Jars	Toilet Articles	Velocipedes
Pipe Racks	Comb and Brush Sets	Swings
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"I suffered with la grippe for seven weeks, and nothing helped me until I tried Peruna. I felt at once that I had at last secured the right medicine and kept steadily improving. Within three weeks I was fully restored."—Henrietta A. S. Marsh.

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"After having a severe attack of la grippe, I also suffered with dyspepsia. After taking Peruna I could eat my regular meals with relish, my system was built up, my health returned, and I have remained in excellent strength and vigor now for over a year."—Mrs. T. W. Collins.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

An African Caterpillar.

An account comes from a traveler in South Africa that will considerably tax the believing powers of those who know only the tame fauna of the British Isles:

The traveler was musing one morning with his eyes on the ground when he noticed a caterpillar crawling along at a rapid pace. Pursuing him was a host of small ants. Being quicker in their movements, the ants would catch up to the caterpillar and one would mount his back and bite him. Pausing, the caterpillar would turn his head and bite and kill his tormentor.

We also pause to remark that the English caterpillar that could perform this feat is not known to us. There may be some who could seize and bite an ant, but we think there is not one that could pick the insect off its own back. Many can beat the enemy off with a side blow of the head, and the larva of the puss moth has a pair of long red whips that shoot from two turrets behind and perform the same office.

We have not, however, exhausted the wonders of our South African caterpillar:

After slaughtering a dozen or more of his persecutors, continues the narrative, the caterpillar showed signs of fatigue. The ants made a combined attack. Betaking himself to a stalk of grass, the caterpillar climbed up tail first, followed by the ants.

This is a variant of the well-known story of the cobra which crawled out of a gentleman's bathroom through the wastepipe. Unfortunately, so far as we know, neither snakes nor caterpillars can proceed backward, so that we may dismiss the question as to whether they would have the sense to adopt such tactics when pressed. The ants in the narrative having been beaten in a frontal attack adopted sapping operations. They sawed down the stalk, and when the unfortunate giant up the (grass) stalk fell promptly dispatched him "and marched off in triumph, leaving the foe's dead body on the field." A final question presents itself: Why did they kill him if they did not wish to eat him?—Animal Life.

The Next Paris Exposition.

It is a far cry from the present date to the year 1911, but already some of the persons who are interested in such matters are beginning to discuss the chances of another great world's show being held in Paris then. After the last big world's show, with which a certain amount of disappointment was mingled, the fashionable cry was that there would not be another for a long while. But prediction one direction would be a very risky business just now. Those, however, who are in favor of a repetition of the ventures are pointing to the fact that during 1900 one and a half milliards of francs, or $300,000,000, more than in ordinary years are deposited in banks by means of letters of credit, was then withdrawn and spent in Paris by foreigners visiting the exhibition. The inference that all or most of the money was spent in Paris seems fair enough, as such statistics go. The last great world's show did not altogether meet all the growing anticipations which had been formed of it, but if the figures which are now given are really accurate it will be seen that there was some compensation of a substantial character.

The "Author's Hair Line."

"A scientific investigator has discovered a very interesting fact in relation to the works of authors," said Mr. Thomas G. Alvord, chief clerk of the Library of Congress. "By a slow and laborious process this investigator has discovered that the books of any one author will show that in each of them he has used the same percentage of words of one, two, three or more syllables. This fact has allowed the formation of what is known as the 'author's hair line'—that is, a line that will show by steps the percentage of words of one or more syllables that will be found in any book of an author whose work has been tested to determine this 'hair line.'"—Washington Star.

From a Recent Novel.

"Her eyes fell."
"Her hands dropped by her side."
"He lost his tongue."
"His jaw dropped."
"Her voice fell."
"She crushed him with a look."
"His heart sank like lead."

Then one would suppose the housemaid came with a broom and swept up the debris.—Tit-Bits.

Her Stopping Place.

A little boy and girl were playing at trains, says the Western Mail, and the boy was calling out all the station names he knew. The first stop was Cardiff, the second Newport, the third Swansea, and then he paused for a name. At last with a rush he came out triumphantly with "Heaven!" "Top," cried the sister; "I t'ink I'll det out here."

CALLED TO ARMS!

Venezuelans Summoned to Resist the Invaders--Excitement in Caracas.

CASTRO SEEKS ARBITRATION

His Proposition For a Peaceful Settlement Made Through Minister Bowen---Reply of the United States.

Willemstad, Curacoa.—The Venezuelan authorities are fortifying Puerto Cabello, on the Gulf of Trieste.

Preparations are being made to withstand those who are already called the enemy. A Government decree summons to arms all able-bodied men from eighteen to fifty years of age.

Deputations are being sent to the revolutionary Generals still in the field to negotiate an understanding with President Castro in order that the Venezuelans may meet the enemy as a united people.

All available troops are being sent to La Guayra from Caracas.

President Castro has sent a deputation to the leader of the Nationalist party, who is now a prisoner at Maracaibo, to release him and place him at the head of the troops.

Another deputation has been commissioned to offer the military Government to General Rolando, who only yesterday was fighting against President Castro.

The embargo on the property of General Matos, a revolutionary leader, has been raised.

Caracas, Venezuela.—The Government has taken preservative measures at La Guayra. All the deposits of coal at the Navy Yard and all the British cars on the La Guayra Railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. General Ferrer, the Minister of War, spent all day in choosing spots in the mountains where trenches are to be dug.

After a long conference with President Castro, United States Minister Bowen obtained an order for the liberation of the remaining British and German subjects who were held prisoners, and an hour later all had been released. Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went to the jail five times and assisted the poor colored British subjects and those who were ill.

The defensive preparations at the strategic points on the heights back of La Guayra are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the fortresses of Lavigia and San Carlos have been removed. Great patriotic demonstrations are being made, and every one capable of bearing arms is offering his services. The embargo placed upon the harbor corporation has been removed.

Washington, D. C.—Minister Bowen, at Caracas, cabled the State Department that President Castro, of Venezuela, had asked him to act as intermediary in proposing to England and Germany that they submit to arbitration their claims for damages.



THE CAPITOL AT CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

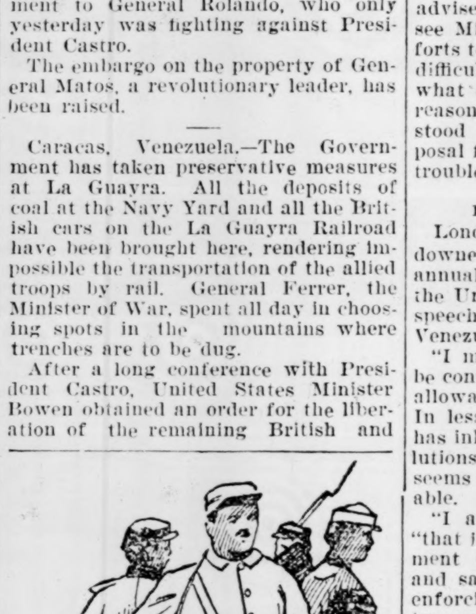
Secretary Hay laid the message before the Cabinet meeting, at which the situation was fully discussed. The reply to Mr. Bowen stated that this Government would be glad to have him comply with President Castro's request, but directed him to make it plain to both England and Germany that he was acting as the representative of Venezuela in the arbitration proposal, and not as United States Minister.

It was agreed that the United States cannot offer its good offices to effect a settlement until formally requested to do so by one side or the other, and even then a rejection of its peace proposals by the opposing side would end the matter.

While the President and all of his advisers would like very much to see Minister Bowen succeed in his efforts to have arbitration of the pending difficulties agreed to, they are somewhat doubtful of his success, for the reason that the joint powers are understood to have rejected a similar proposal from President Castro before the trouble began.



A STREET SCENE IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA.



TYPES OF VENEZUELAN SOLDIERS.

British Advice to Venezuela.

London. — Foreign Secretary Lansdowne was the principal guest at the annual banquet, given in London, of the United Club. In the course of his speech His Lordship said, concerning Venezuela:

"I might add that Venezuela should be content to put herself on a moderate allowance in the matter of revolutions. In less than seventy years Venezuela has inludged in the luxury of 104 revolutions. Three revolutions in two years seems to me to be altogether unreasonable.

"I am glad to say," he concluded, "that in Venezuelan waters at this moment German and British warships and sailors are acting side by side in enforcing the just demands of these two powers."

England Issues a Disclaimer.

London.—The Foreign Office announces that the British Government disclaims responsibility for the sinking of the Venezuelan vessel off La Guayra, which it entirely attributes to the German forces.

MAD MULLAH REPORTED SLAIN.

Native Runner Says He Was Killed Wit Spear While Praying.

'Aden, Arabia.—A report has reached here of the assassination of the Mad Mullah in Somaliland. It was brought to the coast by a native runner from Garroro, by way of Berbera. The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust in the stomach, inflicted while he was praying.

Haji Muhammed Abdullah, the Mad Mullah, so-called, belonged to the Habi Sulieman Ogaden tribe of Somaliland. He was in the prime of life and only recently became a dominant factor in the military and political situation of the Protectorate of Somaliland.

A Month's Business Failures.

According to R. G. Dun & Co. there is much encouragement in the November record of business insolvencies. The total of defaulted liabilities was $9,276,716, as compared with $10,851,534 in October and $10,031,258 in September.

Price of Oil Increased.

The Standard Oil Company has raised the price of kerosene on cent a gallon, which means increased profits of $8,000,000 a year. The price has been advanced three and one-half cents since the coal strike began.

Minor Mention.

Honduras is threatened with a revolution.

A university has been asked for by Marseilles, France.

New York City women have begun a "no seat, no fare" crusade.

The Russian Government prison at Archangel has been destroyed by fire.

Mexico has refused to allow American vessels to fish in its Pacific Coast waters.

The Cuban House of Representatives elected an anti-American President of the Chamber.

Corporal punishment has been abolished in the disciplinary battalions of the French Army.

Contracts have been signed in California for the delivery of 750,000 barrels of fuel oil to Hawaii.

Portable houses are in great demand in Cape Colony because of the destruction caused by the war.

The farmers of Walla Walla County, Washington, are trying the experiment of laying their roads with straw to improve them.

The semi-centennial of the first mining done by the Lake Superior Iron Company, at Ishpeming, Mich., will be celebrated next summer.

England Buys Mules For Boers.

The British Government has concentrated at Lathrop, Mo., 100,000 mules and horses which have been purchased to restock farms in the Transvaal. It is the intention of the British Government to make a second purchase of equal size.

Justice Holmes Sworn In.

The new Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Massachusetts, has taken the oath of office at Washington, and immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Cotton Crop is 10,417,000 Bales.

The statistician of the Department of Agriculture estimates the actual growth of cotton in the United States in the year 1902-3 as 10,417,000 bales, of an average net weight of 490.7 pounds. The area picked or to be picked is estimated at 27,114,103 acres, a reduction of 764,227 acres, or 2.74 per cent. from the acreage planted.

New Consul to Turks Island.

President Roosevelt sent to the United States Senate the nomination of Thomas P. Moffatt, of New York, as Consul at Turks Island, West Indies.

Settles Extradition Tangle.

Secretary of State Hay has advised Governor Sayers that the Governors of frontier States are empowered to act in extradition cases from Mexico without referring the matter to Washington. Judge Burns had discharged a fugitive from Texas, holding that Governor Sayers had no power to issue an extradition warrant.

Indiana Congressman-Elect Dead.

Representative-elect Aikman Carnahan, Republican, of the Second Indiana District, is dead. He had been ill ever since the election.

PIRACY NEAR MANILA BAY

Desperadoes Led by an American Rob Passengers of $17,000.

They Threatened to Kill All Hands on the Brig if They Did Not Keep Quiet—Escaped.

Victoria, B. C.—The steamer Shawmut, from Manila, brings news of piracy in the Philippines, the desperadoes being led by an American. The brig Maricia, from Catanuan, Tayabas Province, for Manila, had beaten up the coast and was becalmed off Cavite Bay. She had as passengers five Chinese merchants, who were on their way to Manila to purchase goods. In the night a sloop came alongside and six men climbed over the rail and immediately overpowered the Chinese crew, binding all hands with ropes. One of the pirates was an American dressed as an inspector of constabulary. Two of his followers also wore constabulary uniforms and carried revolvers, as did the American. The remaining three Filipinos were armed with bolos.

On the pirates reachig the deck of the Maricia, the leader said that he was a board of health inspector, and intended to search the vesel for arms and ammunition. When the crew was overpowered the Chinese were brought forth, and at the points of revolvers were made to give up their money, about $17,000. The pirates embarked in their boat again, and heading toward Cavite, threatened to kill all hands on the brig if they did not keep quiet. When the Maricia arrived at Manila the customs officers were informed, but no clew was found to the robbers.

PORTO RICO MAKING PROGRESS.

Governor Hunt's Report Shows a Steady Advancement.

Washington, D. C.—The report of Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, dated July 10, 1902, just made public, is the second one presented since the inauguration of civil government. It advises the President of healthy progress and steady advancement throughout the islands in all substantial respects. It states that there has been progress in comprehension of the institutions of the United States; that administration in municipal affairs has improved; that education is spreading its good influences; that more land has been cultivated, exports and imports have increased, new roads have been built, the telegraph system has been extended, the health of the people is better and the death rate has decreased.

Sugar is regarded as the principal crop of the island, and it is stated that the crop of 1902 is the largest save one ever produced. In commerce and manufactures a remarkable increase appears. The value of imports from the United States for the last fiscal year aggregated $10,719,944. Imports from foreign countries amounted to $2,429,000; the exports from Porto Rico to the United States in the same period amounted to $8,297,420, and to foreign countries $4,592,505.

GREAT NILE RESERVOIR OPENED.

Khedive Turns Key and Duchess of Connaught Lays Last Stone.

Assouan, Egypt—The great Nile reservoir and dam were opened in the presence of the Khedive, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Lord Cromer, the Brtish agent Consul General in Egypt, and Lady Cromer, the Ministers and many other distinguished persons.

The ceremony took place in the afternoon, when the Khedive turned a key which put the electric machinery in motion, whereupon the sluice-gates were opened and a great body of water rushed through them. The Duchess of Connaught then laid the last stone of the dam, the foundaton stone of which was laid by the Duke of Connaught on February 12, 1899.

WHALE STUCK IN PROW.

A Steamship Ran Into the Leviathan, Breaking Its Back.

San Francisco, Cal.—The steamship Sierra, which has arrived from Australia, reports that while steaming at the rate of sixteen knots the vessel struck a whale, breaking its back and cutting it so deeply that the huge body stuck firmly on the vessel's stem.

The steamer was immediately slowed down, but the whale's carcass remained fast to the stem, and it was only upon coming to a full stop and going some litle distance astern that the whale was thrown off. The vessel was not damaged.

Town Springs Up in a Night.

Eagle City, Oklahoma, a few days ago, was corn fields and raw prairie. On the following morning it was a town of 2000 inhabitants, with a complete municipal organization, a bank in operation, a daily newspaper established, a fairly good hotel, four restaurants, seven saloons, at least a score of mercantile establishments, and no end of gambling houses. It looks now as if Eagle City will have 4000 residents soon. It is to be a division point on the San Francisco line.

Mexico to Pay Pious Fund Award.

Secretary of the Treasury Limantour has asked the Mexican Congress to authorize the payment of $1,420,682.67 in Mexican currency to the United States Government, together with $43,050.99 as interest thereon, in accordance with the award in the matter of the Pious Fund. The former payment is to be made within eight months from October 14, and the latter February 2, 1903.

No More a Fighting Ship.

The cruiser Philadelphia, once one of the crack ships of the Navy, is to be converted into a training ship at the Puget Sound (Wash.) Navy Yard. She will take the place of the training ship Nipsic, which is of a type now obsolete.

Lorenz Encounters His Worst Case.

Dr. Lorenz operated on two patients in Baltimore, Md. He was successful with one, but the other case, he declared, was the worst he had encountered in the United States.

News of the Toilers.

All the carriage and wagon shops in Albany, N. Y., now employ union men.

A new union of steel and ironworkers has been formed in Southington, Conn.

Union moulders in Connecticut have asked for a ten per cent. increase in wages.

All the machine shops in Denver, Col., are unionized with a nine-hour work day.

Servant girls at Wheeling, W. Va., propose forming a union to regulate hours and wages.

Farm hands in Iowa get better pay than the average wages for teachers in the common schools.

There are 525 labor unions in Chicago, with an estimated membership of more than 300,000.

Freight handlers at Albany, N. Y., will probably receive an increase of wages in the near future.

Recent figures on the cost of farm labor in Germany show that hand work costs less than the use of machines.

Detroit (Mich.) bookbinders are on strike for a raise of the minimum scale from $13.50 to $15 a week.



Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 3¾c. per quart.

BUTTER.		
Creamery—Western, extra	$ —	@$ 30
Firsts	27½	@ 29
Seconds	24	@ 26
State dairy tubs, extra	—	@ 27
Imitation creamery	18½	@ 22
Factory, fancy	18½	@ 19
CHEESE.		
State—Full cream, fancy	—	@ 13¼
Small	—	@ 13½
Part skims, good to prime	10	@ 10¾
Part skims, common	6	@ 7
EGGS.		
Jersey—Fancy	33	@ 34
State and Penn	33	@ 34
Western—Choice	29	@ 31
BEANS AND PEAS.		
Beans—Marrow, choice, 1902	—	@ 2 65
Medium, choice, 1902	—	@ 2 35
Pea, choice, 1902	—	@ 2 30
Red kidney, choice, 1902	2 85	@ 2 90
White kidney, choice, 1902	2 70	@ 2 75
Yellow eye, choice, 1902	2 75	@ 2 80
Lima, Cal., 1902	3 00	@ 3 05
Green peas, bags	1 70	@ 1 72½
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.		
Apples—King, per bbl	1 00	@ 2 75
Baldwin, per bbl	1 00	@ 2 25
Ben Davis, per bbl	1 50	@ 2 00
Pears, Kiefer, per bbl	1 00	@ 2 00
Lawrence, per bbl	1 50	@ 2 25
Sheldon, per bbl	2 00	@ 4 00
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	6 00	@ 10 00
Jersey, per bbl	8 00	@ 8 75
Grapes, Concord, per bask.	6	@ 13
Niagara, per basket	10	@ 18
Catawba, per basket	10	@ 16
Quinces, per bbl	3 00	@ 6 00
LIVE POULTRY.		
Spring chickens, per lb	—	@ 12
Fowls, per lb	—	@ 13½
Roosters, per lb	—	@ 9½
Turkeys, per lb	—	@ 11
Ducks, per pair	60	@ 90
Geese, per pair	1 25	@ 1 62
Pigeons, per pair	15	@ 20
DRESSED POULTRY.		
Turkeys, per lb	12	@ 18
Fowls, Western, per lb	11	@ 13
Chickens, Phila., per lb	15	@ 24
Ducks, per lb	13	@ 17
Geese, per lb	11	@ 13
Squabs, per dozen	1 75	@ 2 75
HOPS.		
State, 1902, choice, per lb	36	@ 37
1901, choice, per lb	26	@ 27
Common to prime	23	@ 25
Pacific Coast, 1902, choice	—	@ 30
1901, choice	25	@ 26
Common to prime	22	@ 24
Old odds	7	@ 12
HAY AND STRAW.		
Hay—Prime, per 100 lb	97½	@ 1 00
No. 1, per 100 lb	90	@ 92½
No. 2, per 100 lb	80	@ 85
Clover mixed, per 100 lb	65	@ 70
Straw, long rye	65	@ 75
VEGETABLES.		
Potatoes, Jersey, per sack	1 75	@ 2 00
Long Island, per bbl	2 00	@ 2 12
Sweets, per bbl	2 00	@ 4 00
Turnips, per bbl	60	@ 80
Egg plant, per box	1 00	@ 2 00
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 00	@ 3 50
Squash, per bbl	60	@ 1 00
Peas, per basket	1 00	@ 3 00
Onions, Conn., white, bbl.	4 00	@ 7 00
Orange Co., yellow, bbl.	1 50	@ 2 25
Red, per bbl	1 25	@ 1 75
Cucumbers, per basket	1 50	@ 2 50
Peppers, per basket	1 25	@ 1 50
Celery, per doz. bunches	5	@ 50
Lima beans, per bag	1 00	@ 2 00
Lettuce, per dozen	25	@ 75
Cauliflower, per bbl	1 00	@ 4 00
String beans, per basket	75	@ 1 25
Brussels sprouts, per qt	3	@ 7
Cabbages, per 100	1 00	@ 2 00
Spinach, per bbl	75	@ 1 00
Kale, per bbl	30	@ 50
Beets, per bbl	75	@ 1 00
Carrots, per bbl	—	@ 1 00
Pumpkins, per bbl	60	@ 75
Parsnips, per bbl	—	@ 1 25
Radishes, per basket	10	@ 20
Okra, per carrier	1 00	@ 2 00
SUNDRIES.		
Beeswax, prime, per lb	28	@ 28½
Maple sugar, per lb	9½	@ 10
Maple syrup, per gallon	75	@ 95
Honey, N. Y. State, per lb.	13	@ 16
Extracted, per lb	6¼	@ 7½
GRAIN, ETC.		
Flour—Winter patents	3 60	@ 3 90
Spring patents	4 10	@ 4 30
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@ 85⅝
No. 2 red	79⅛	@ 82⅞
Corn—No. 2 white	—	@ 67
Oats—No. 2	—	@ 36¾
No. 2 white	38½	@ 38¾
Rye—Western	—	@ 58
State	54	@ 54½
Lard, city	10.40c.	@ 10.60c.
LIVE STOCK.		
Beeves, city dressed	7½	@ 11½
Calves, city dressed	10½	@ 13½
Country dressed	10	@ 12
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 15	@ 4 40
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 00	@ 6 12½
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	5 30	@ 6 35
Country dressed, per lb	7½	@ 9

PROVISION SUPPLY IS SHORT.

Higher Prices For Beef and Pork Predicted in the West.

Omaha, Neb. — Nearly 10,500,000 pounds is the shortage in the provision supply at the South Omaha packing houses as compared with this date last year. The figures are pregnant with high prices for all classes of meats the coming year.

The stocks of provisions at South Omaha aggregate 19,129,855 pounds as against 29,507,415 pounds on the same date a year ago. The falling off, while largely due to the shortage in cattle, is more largely due to the remarkable decrease in the receipts of hogs. The term "provisions" includes only the cut and prepared meats and comprehends the great staples of the retail markets outside of beef quarters.

Other indications point to a rise in meat prices the coming year which will exceed the prices which were charged during the past summer.

Wool Prices Are Very Strong.

The wool trade has been moderately active, and the price situation in this country and abroad continues very strong. The firmness in price of raw material and of yarns contributes to the sustained strength of values of woven fabrics.

Growth of Iron Imports.

Import figures of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, at Washington, show that the importations of iron and steel manufactures in the ten months ending with October, 1902, are double those of last year and three times as much as those of 1898, and are larger than in any year since 1891. The total value of iron and steel manufactures imported in the ten months ending with October, 1902, is $31,987,056, against $16,349,427 in the same months of last year, and $10,531,090 in the corresponding months of 1898.

Distribution Continues Large.

Distribution by jobbers and retailers continues large, and while the stringency of the money market promotes conservatism in new ventures, the volume of general business contiues to be of record-breaking proportions for the time of year.

French Sardine Catch a Failure.

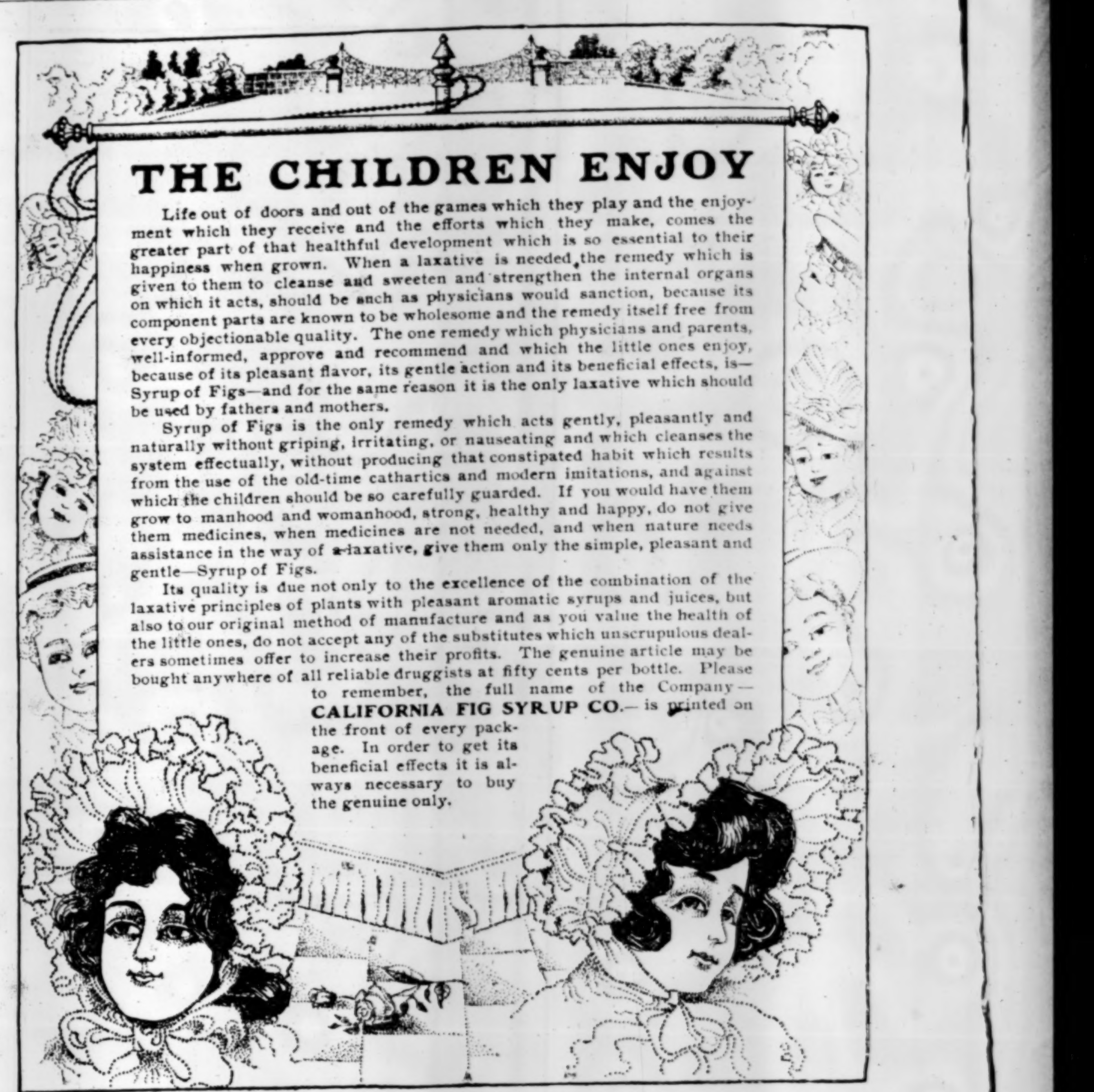
Consular advices from France to the State Department, at Washington, are to the effect that the sardine catch, one of the great industries of the West Coast of France, is a general failure this year.

Wholesale Demands Lessen.

A seasonable abatement of wholesalers' demands for some lines of goods is noted in the trade reports of the week, but the lull in new business does not lessen the activity in mills and factories which are mostly working on orders. The latter in many cases will keep them busy for months to come.

Shoe Trade Less Active.

The boot and shoe trade is not quite so active as of late, but factories have plenty of work under contract, and all the indications point to a steady, good business throughout the winter.



THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed, the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

The Fear of Laughter.

Perhaps one of the hardest trials a young man is called upon to endure is being laughed at. Many a man who has successfully resisted the fiercest assaults of temptation has succumbed to the scornful laughter of his fellows. When some one had dropped a loaf and was ashamed to pick it up again, Diogenes, wishing to teach him a lesson, tied a cord around the neck of a bottle and dragged it all through the Ceramious at Athens. A man said to him, "Many people will laugh at you." "But I," he cried, "am not laughed down." How many would envy such determination and courage? When you come to think of it, what is there in the laughter of foolish people to make us afraid? "As is the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool," says the wise man. Laughter can never break any bones, and it is a coward's part to allow it to intimidate. No coward is greater than he who dares not be wise because fools will laugh at him.

Wise Snails.

Snails are not supposed to be very clever, but a raiser of edible snails in the Canton of Vaud, Switzerland, was baffled by their ingenuity. To keep his crawling live stock within bounds he ran a series of sharp metal points along the top of the fence enclosing their fields, thinking that the points would prick the foot of the animal and make him draw back. However, the plan failed and the farmer soon discovered that the "escargots," like little wanton boys, had climbed on each other's backs in order to get over the sharp points. The method appeared to show co-operation, and the last snail was left behind after helping over the others—an instance of heroism in humble life.—Revue Scientifique.

A Modern Borgia at Work.

In Moscow a young married lady of one of the leading families received recently a letter through the post addressed to her husband in a woman's handwriting. As she opened it a piece of paper fell out with the words, "Think of me," with no signature. The next moment she sank insensible to the ground. Her little two-year-old boy picked up the envelope and was likewise overpowered with the poison with which the letter was impregnated. Mother and child were found some time afterward in a death-like trance.

An Immense Log Cabin.

A "log cabin" that when completed will cost something over $75,000 is in process of erection on Warren's Island off the coast of Maine. Some idea of the size of the "cabin" may be gained from the fact that twenty-two large sleeping apartments will occupy the second floor. A fireplace of brick and granite, conspicuous on the ground floor, will have a mantel 12 feet in length, 3 in width and 9 inches in thickness. The outermost layer of the "cabin" is of spruce logs.

Many of us might be happy if we did not suffer from disorders of the liver. Then we ought to use Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, which cure the disorders and bring the whole system to a healthy condition.

Two hundred and seventeen lions have been born at the Dublin zoo during the last seventy years.

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Three Cases of Shark Bite.

The old controversy as to whether a shark will really bite a human being has been settled, seemingly for good, by Dr. J. A. Guthrie, U. S. N., who has sent to the Medical Journal an account of three cases which came under his personal observation while serving in the Philippines. One case was that of S. McK., a first-class apprentice. In the summer of 1901 he was swimming with a firing party which had encamped about three miles from Iloilo when a shark bit his left leg off above the knee. A record of this case is found in the log of the Annapolis. The next case was that of a Molusso Moro, who was treated by Dr. Guthrie. The man was in his fish weir taking his catch with his hands when a shark which had been entrapped bit him in the right thigh, carrying away a large part of the extensor muscles of the leg. The next case, which happened on June 8, 1902, was similar to the preceding one. The man had been bitten in the face, the shark getting away with his nose and the greater part of his right cheek. As there is absolutely no doubt about these cases it looks as if another tradition had been shattered.

He Knew What He Wanted.

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